

**NEWINGTON PARKS & RECREATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012
MEETING MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Don Woods called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Board: Bill DeBlasio, Eileen Francolino, Robert Fresen, Richard Khentigan, Ed Marchion, Jim Marocchini, Jeff Perillo, Mary Udice, Jen Win-Johnson, and Don Woods.

Board Members Absent: Kathy Zolad

Staff: Superintendent Bruce Till

Town Liaison: None present

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 21, 2011

MOTION: Mary Udice made a motion to approve the minutes of December 21, 2011 with Eileen Francolino making the correction under Churchill Park Pool that the figures do not reflect possible income generated from the playground camp and that she was offering for someone else to be the adult liaison for the Youth/Adult Council. Jeff Perillo seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion to approve the corrected minutes of December 21, 2011 was unanimously approved with a 10-0 vote.

V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

The December monthly report was emailed to all board members. Bruce Till also distributed copies of the Newington Extravaganza 2011/2010 Comparison Budget for board members to review. Figures for the police, firefighters and Ruth's Chris Steak House were discussed. Ruth's Chris Steak House participated in last year's Extravaganza and many members are hoping they will return this year.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

FIREWORK COMPANY CONTRACT

Bruce Till distributed copies of the contract that is presently being negotiated with Atlas PyroVison Productions, Inc.

EXTRAVAGANZA SUBCOMMITTEE

A subcommittee was set up that included Mary Udice, Eileen Francolino, Jim Marocchini, Jen Win-Johnson, Jeff Perillo, Robert Fresen, Rich Khentigan and Ed Marchion. The subcommittee will be meeting once a month regarding the planning of the Extravaganza. The first meeting will be February 21, 2012 at 6:30PM.

FRIDAY NIGHT EVENT/EXTRAVAGANZA WEEKEND

Bruce Till and Don Woods spoke to the board about having a Beatles cover band perform on Friday night of the Extravaganza. This particular cover band played at a summer concert at Mill Pond and turnout was quite high. It is their hope that bringing this band on would generate a big turnout for Friday night. However, they have not been booked yet and we would need to find out how long they would be able to play for. A discussion over the charge of the admission to get into the beer garden took place. Nothing was decided until things are finalized with the band. Bruce Till suggested following up the Beatles cover band and with a younger band to cover the night.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Eileen Francolino to adjourn. Jeff Perillo seconded the motion, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03PM with a 10-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Loralyn Callahan